

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0025] on pages 3 and 4 as follows:

[0025] Referring to one aspect of the invention, Figure 1 shows an air duct register 10 for installation in a finished ceiling 12 is shown therein. The finished ceiling 12 can be made of sheet rock (gypsum board), thin paneling, plaster, or other conventional material. The air duct register 10 is provided for connection to a flexible or rigid duct 14 located above the ceiling 12. The air duct register 10 receives conditioned air from the flexible duct 14 and channels the conditioned air through a grille or diffuser 16. Figures 2 - 5 and Figure 8 show components for the air duct register of the present invention. The air duct register 10 includes a manifold 18 having a clamp assembly 20 connected thereto. The air duct register 10 of the present invention also includes a separate duct collar piece 22 as well as the grille or diffuser 16. The ~~duct collar piece~~ 22 may optional ~~include~~ mount a revolving or rotating door 24 as shown in Figures 8 and 9. The aforementioned components are made of plastic material to provide a lightweight, inexpensive air duct register that improves air flow, reduces sound and lowers static pressures.

Please amend paragraph [0026] on page 4 as follows:

[0026] Referring next to Figures 2 and 3, there is shown the manifold which consists of a manifold housing 26 having an essentially dome-shaped configuration. The dome-shaped manifold housing 26 has a flange 28 extending around the periphery of the bottom of the housing 26. The outer periphery 30 of the flange 28 is used as a template for marking the required hole in the ceiling as will be discussed further hereinafter. The inner periphery 32 of the flange 28 defines

~~a first access~~ bottom opening 32 ~~to extending into~~ the interior 34 of the dome-shaped housing 26.

The housing 26 also has a side access aperture 36 sized and configured for receiving the duct ~~collar~~ cover piece 22 therein to be closed off as shown in Figure 10. The side access aperture 36 is located 90° relative to the flange 28 and the ~~first~~ bottom opening 32.

Please amend paragraph [0028] on page 5 as follows:

[0028] Figures 4, 4a, 6, and 9 show the ~~removeable separate duct collar~~ cover piece 22. As will be explained hereinafter, the ~~duct collar~~ cover piece 22 provides a mounting means for connecting the flexible or rigid duct 14 to the air duct register 10. The ~~duct collar~~ cover piece 22 includes a ~~circular flange~~ tubular collar 52 extending from a wall 54 ~~of extending outwardly from the duct collar 22~~ 52. The ~~flange~~ collar 52 defines a center through opening. The circular collar ~~flange~~ 52 has at least one but preferably a plurality of retainer barbs 56 for holding the flexible or rigid duct 14 onto the ~~duct collar 22~~ 52 without the need for a hose clamp or other separate tool. Inset from each retainer barb 56 along the periphery of the ~~circular flange~~ collar 52 are small apertures 58 for receiving clips to hold an optional door 24, as will be discussed further hereinafter. A second wall 60 integrally connected to a first wall 54 and positioned 90° relative to the first wall 54 has semi-circular configuration for corresponding to the domed exterior configuration of the housing 26. The peripheral edge of the second wall 60 forms a groove 62 for receiving a pair of ledges 37 that extend in from the side opening aperture 36 of the housing 26. A central clip 64 formed in the center of the peripheral edge of the second wall 60 of the ~~collar~~ cover piece 22 corresponds for latching into a cutout 35 formed between the pair of ledges 37 in the manifold housing 26. Positioning the pair of ledges 37 within the groove 62 and attaching the clip 64 into

the cutout 35 cooperates to secure the ~~duct collar~~ cover piece 22 ~~within~~ covering the side aperture 36 of the housing 26.

Please amend paragraph [0029] on pages 5 and 6 as follows:

[0029] The ~~circular flange~~ tubular collar 52 of the ~~collar~~ cover piece 22 defines a ~~circular~~ tubular passageway to allow regulated air to be moved between the room and the air duct 14 via the manifold housing ~~and collar 22~~ 26. The passageway formed by the ~~circular flange~~ tubular collar 52 may optionally be opened or closed by a door assembly 66. The door assembly 66 is best shown in Figure 8. The door assembly 66 includes a ring 68 defining a central passageway therebetween and a circular planar door 24 sized so that the door 24 closes the passageway through the ring 68. The door 24 has pins 72 extending from the circumferential sides of the door and positioned 180° from each other. The pins are rotatably held to the ring and maintained in position in a gate 74 located adjacent to each pin 72. The door 24 is movable to rotate 90° from a fully closed position through a fully open position. The door assembly 66 is connected to the ~~duct collar 22~~ 52 by means of tabs 76. As shown in Figure 4a, the inner side of the first wall 54 has a circumferential recess 80 concentric with the circular flange 52. The circumferential recess 80 is sized for receiving the ring 68 of the door assembly 66. The recess 80 has a plurality of through slots 58 for receiving the tabs 76 of the door assembly 66. To properly align the door assembly 66 within the recess 80, the recess includes a rib 82 for alignment with a corresponding slot 84 in the outer surface of the ring 68. Figure 9 shows the door assembly 66 assembled to the ~~duct collar 22~~ 52 with the door 24 closing the passageway. As also shown in Figure 9, a supporting rib 53 may be integrally formed

along the first wall 54 of the duct collar piece 22 from the circular ~~flange~~ collar 52 to the second wall 60 to provide additional strength to the duct collar piece 22.

Please delete the number "22" on page 6, paragraph 3100.

Please amend paragraph [0032] on page 7 as follows:

[0032] Once the ~~housing~~ manifold 18 is installed in the ceiling 12, the duct 14 is brought through the manifold 18 via the much larger side access opening 36 and through the ~~first or lower~~ access bottom opening 32. The duct 14 is then attached to the ~~air manifold~~ collar 22 52, as shown in Figure 6. The ~~removable manifold collar~~ cover piece 22 is then ~~fed back~~ pushed up through the lower access opening 32, aligned with the opening 26 and pushed against the inside of the housing 26 and attached to housing 26 in position covering the side access opening 36 as discussed supra.

Please amend paragraph [0035] on page 7 as follows:

[0035] The air duct register of the present invention is further designed with the do-it-yourself home owner handyman in mind. The air duct registers ~~is~~ are designed for ease of installation requiring no tools to assemble. The air duct register can be installed into drywall, drop, wood or any finished standard or cathedral ceiling with a minimum clearance of 7-1-1/2 inches from ceiling to top of joist. Once ~~ducting~~ duct 14 is attached, the ~~duct collar~~ cover piece 22 and ~~grille 16~~ can be pushed up into the housing 26 and over the opening 36 and connected and

~~assembled from the bottom up~~ to the housing 26 in that position. There is no need to crawl into attic or ceiling to attach clamps or duct elbows to the duct 14.